

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 7/19/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6,7,9-13,15,16,26,28-31,34-36,38-41 and 43.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jay Moldovanyi on September 25, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

36. A holder for an electronic price label, said holder comprising:
a channel member defined by a base wall and first and second spaced apart side walls that project outwardly from opposite ends of said base wall, said channel member selectively accommodating an associated electronic price label;

a connector mounted to said channel member, said connector comprising:

a clip defining a somewhat C-shaped body and comprising interconnected walls including wall segments that project toward each other and cooperate to define a relatively narrow open end and a relatively wider

closed end for receiving and retaining a projecting portion of an associated retail shelf,

a first arm connected between said clip and said channel member,
and

a second arm, spaced from said first arm, connected between said clip and said channel member,

said first arm is somewhat L-shaped in cross section and includes a first segment and a second segment.

40. A holder for an electronic price label, said holder comprising:

a channel member defined by a base wall and first and second spaced apart side walls that project outwardly from opposite ends of said base wall, said channel member selectively accommodating an associated electronic price label;

a connector of one piece with said channel member, said connector comprising:

a clip comprising interconnected walls including wall segments which define a base wall and a pair of wall segments that project toward each other and cooperate to define a relatively narrow upwardly facing open end

and a relatively wider closed end for receiving and retaining a projecting portion of an associated retail shelf, and

a first arm connected at a first end to said clip and at a second end to said channel member; and

a finger mounted to said base wall of the clip.

43. The holder as set forth in claim [42] 40 further comprising a nib extending from said base wall and cooperating with said finger.

Claims 37 and 42 have been canceled.

2. Claims 11-13 are allowable. The restriction requirement between groups, as set forth in the Office action mailed on July 5, 2005, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claims 11-13, directed to transparent lens are no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

3. In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a


claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-6642. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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